

- measuring means about the bending load of a flexible element;
- Group III - claim 11, drawn to a method for controlling at least one of a position and a contact pressure of a sonotrode where information is ascertained by a measuring means about the stretching load of a block type flexible element and a different load on different flexible elements; and
- Group IV - claim 12, drawn to a method of monitoring the treatment of a material web moving in a processing gap of a device.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 2 to 9.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

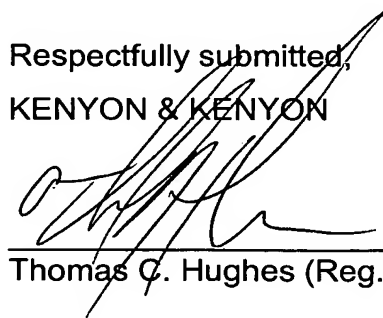
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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